him or the subsequent allottee of that house. The cost of such work will not exceed the annual monetary ceiling fixed i.e. Rs. 1500/

(e) In respect of quarters where the allottees had deposited the required amount before May 1991 the facilities asked for have already been provided and, in respect of these quarters, where the allottees have made payment on or before 30.8.91, these are likely to be provided by the end of September 1991.

[*Translation*]

Use of Forest Land for Non-Forestry Programmes

6262. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of forest used for non-forestry programmes during 1988-89 and period from January to December, 1990;

(b) the area used for irrigation and hydel power projects out of the above areas; and

(c) whether the percentage of non-forestry use of forest area for irrigation and hydel power projects is comparatively low?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Total forest area diverted for non-forestry programmes during the years 1988 and 1989 was 18765.35 hectares and 20365.05 hectares respectively (total 39,130.40 hectares). Between January & December 1990 it was 1,38,551.33 hectares.

(b) Area used for irrigation and hydel power projects during the years 1988 and 1989 was 26,943.48 hectares and during the year 1990 it was 7,789.12 hectares.

(c) The variation in figures is because of the proposals received for clearance from the States for different category of projects from year to year.

[*English*]

Forest Cover in Silent Valley

6263. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of the Silent Valley in Kerala and how much of it is covered by forest;

(b) the area of forest cover in the Silent Valley during the last 3 years based on actual ground survey satellite imageries and aerial photographs;

(c) whether the Forest cover in the Silent Valley is dwindling; and

(d) the density of the forest cover in the Silent Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The total area of the silent valley is 89.52 Sq.Kms. (8952 ha.) out of Which 81 Sq.kms. is under dense forest cover.

(b) During the last three years no actual ground survey or aerial photo interpretation with regard to forest cover in silent valley has been done. However, as per the assessment made by Forest Survey of India on the basis of 1985-87 satellite imagery the area of dense forest cover in silent valley is 81 Sq. kms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the assessment made by Forest Survey of India based on 1985-87

satellite imagery, the density of the forest cover in silent valley is as follows:

(i) Dense forest (density above 40%) is 81 Sq. kms.

(ii) Open forest (density 10% to 40%) is Nil.

(iii) Scrub (density 0 to 10%) is 3 Sq. kms.

Institute for Nursing

6264. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up more teaching Nursing institutes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to provide grants in aid and other facilities to the State Government for Nursing institutes in private and Government Sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up any teaching nursing institute in the country. However, there is a proposal for financial assistance by Central Government for the setting up of 10 Schools of Nursing during the Eighth Five Year Plan in States having more concentration of SC/ST population. During 1991-92, a sum of Rs. 65 lakhs has been provided for such assistance. The capital expenditure will have however to be borne by the State concerned.

[*Translation*]

Gurpadswami Committee on child Labour

6265. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ NO. 216 on December 27, 1989 and state that the steps taken to implement the recommendations of Gurpadswami Committee of Child Labour accepted in full/part/revised forms by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) Steps taken in pursuance of the accepted recommendations of the Gurupadaswami Committee on Child Labour are set out in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

(1) A child Labour Cell has been set up in the Ministry of Labour.

(2) A Central Advisory Board on Child Labour has been set up to advise Government on the measures to be taken towards progressive elimination of child labour.

(3) The child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been enacted which—

(i) prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in certain specified occupations and processes;

(ii) seeks to regulate the conditions of work/work environment of children in employments in which they are not prohibited